MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH;

HELD IN BASTROP, LA.,

Wednesday, December 10--13, 1862.

REV. JAMES A. IVY, President.

MOUNT LEBANON, LA.

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MINUTES.

QUESTION 1.—Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER.—Henry L. Green.

Q. 2.—Who remains on trial?

A.—Matthew D. Thomasson, Chas. W. Carter, Edmund W. Yancey and John W. Hearne.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into full connection?

A.—Henry O. White, John C. Faulk and Baxter Clegg.

Q. 4.—Who are re-admitted?

A.—William H. Moss.

Q. 5.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

A.—

Q. 6.—Who are the Deacons for one year?

A.—Thomas B. Baldwin. Wm. F. Alexander, Henry B. Frazee, John F. DeWitt, Seaborn J. Graves, James T. Fontaine, Charles W. Hodge, Dabney P. Cullen, August Arnold and John J. F. Bannon.

Q. 7—What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—Henry O. White and John C. Faulk were elected but not ordained.

Q. 8.—What local preachers were elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—John D. Shyriah, Anthony W. Tucker and Jesse M. Randolph elected but not ordained.

Q. 9.—What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—Whitmel P. Kimball elected but not ordained.

Q. 10.—What local preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—Henry L. Green elected but not ordained.

Q. 11.—Who have located this year?

A.—Wm. F. Alexander, located at his own request.

Q. 12.—Who are Supernumerary?

A.—Anderson B. Fly, Philip H. Diffenwerth, Uriah Riley and Thomas B. Baldwin.

Q. 13.—Who are Superannuated?

A.—Thomas Samford, David Kinnear, Henry C. Thweatt, Thomas J. Lacey and Samuel Armstrong.

Q. 14.—What preachers have died during the year?

A.—Moses Davis.

OBITUARY.

Rev. MOSES DAVIS was born in South Carolina, January 7th, 1806, and died Sept. 22d. 1862, aged fifty-six years eight months and fifteen days. He came to Catahoula parish when only four years old, where he lived and labored till removed to his rest in Heaven. He was licensed to preach August 14th, 1841, and was subsequently ordained Deacon and Elder. Twenty-one years of his life he was a Minister of the Gospel, and a large portion of his time was spent in the itenerancy. He was a laborious and useful Minister, and his end was peace.

Q. 15.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

A.—Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters

passed, except those of John J. F. Brunow and August Arnold, in whose cases the Conference took the following action:

Resolved, That their characters be not passed—that they be left without appointments, and that the Presiding Elder of the New Orleans District investigate certain charges and complaints made in reference to them.

Q. 16.—What is the number of Preachers and Members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?

A.—

	WHITE.		COL'D		
New Orleans District.	Members, ...	Probationers,	Members, ...	Probationers,	Local Preachers,
Carondelet street,	427	4			3
Felicity street,	272	28			2
First German Mission,	83	3			2
Second " "	103	21			1
Third " "	8				
Fourth " "	24	10			1
Moreau street,	113	46			1
Jefferson City,	30				
Algiers and Gretna,	47	2			
Carrollton and Laurel st.	15				
Wesley, Saul & Winan's Colored Chapels,			1174	364	
Baton Rouge,	113	13	150		
Plaquemine,	19	3	88	9	1
Gros Tete,	32		130		
	1286	130	1542	373	11
Lake Providence Dist.					
Providence and Bunch's Bend,	38	2	70		2
Pecan Grove and Willow Bayou,	62	11	52	6	
Richmond & Bayou Vidal	94	2	275		
Waterproof,	57		200		1
Wesley Chapel,	28	9	200	10	
Jordan's and Newells' Ridge,	75	6	248	90	
Tensas and Elizabeth's Chapel,	77	19	70		
Concordia Mission,			221	13	
Sicily Island,	58	46	24		2
" " Mission,	1		65		
Trinity,	90	35	11	19	
Winnsboro',	224	222	85		
Harrisonburg and Centerville,	217	75		15	3
	1052	427	1521	153	8
Monroe District.					
Monroe,	88	63	108	117	2
Columbia,	213			45	
Bastrop,	59	31	25	35	
Jefferson,	81	17	57	88	
Island and Wright's Ch'l.	29	9	67	35	1
Lind Grove,	100	15	12	3	
Plantersville,	50	5	12	20	
Ion,	97	30	46	200	2
Carroll,	207	147	88	59	7
Delhi,	60	75	26	12	1
	984	392	441	614	13

	WHITE.		COL'D.		
Homer District.	Members, ...	Probationers,	Members, ...	Probationers,	Local Preachers,
Homer,	372	59	140	57	8
Minden,	232	65	82		
Farmerville,	351	67		109	7
Ouachita,	351	75	20		6
Vernon,	186	9	19		3
Winnfield,	63	69	3		1
Sparta,	170	47	47	4	2
North Bossier,	60	12	11	37	2
South Bossier,	162	23	167	37	3
	1947	426	489	238	32
Shreveport District.					
Shreveport,	79	6	80	24	1
Caddo,	190	25	28	80	7
DeSoto,	117	44	125	12	
Natchitoches Mission,	209	20	39		
Mansfield,	150	26	32		2
Pleasant Hill,	150	25			3
Sabine,	100	55	9	11	4
Red River,	109	19	79		3
Lake Bistenau,	111	20	100		2
	1215	240	492	127	22
Alexandria District.					
Alexandria,	50	13	122	20	
Cotile,	68	18			1
North Rapides,	240	52	43	18	2
North Rapides Mission,	175	47	45	17	1
Evergreen,	62	4	34		
Pointe Coupee,	65	5	45		
Calcasieu,	145	30	53		
Grand Cheniere,	29	32	24		
	834	201	366	55	4
Opelousas District.					
Opelousas,	67	25	36		
Washington,	37	45	37	32	
New Iberia,	72	22			
St Landry,	164	22	25		
Vermillion,	309				
Franklin,	96	4	150	3	
Teche Colored Mission,			152		
Pattersonville,	45	10			1
Grand Lake Mission,	30		80	40	2
Thibodaux and Napoleonville,	45	3	100		
Houma and Tigerville,	9	8	109		
	871	139	689	75	3

Recapitulation.

	WHITE		COLORED		
	Members.	Probat'rs.	Members.	Probat'rs.	Local Preachers.
New Orleans District,	1286	130	1542	373	11
Opelousas "	871	139	689	75	3
Alexandria "	834	201	366	55	4
Monroe "	984	392	441	614	13
Homer "	1947	426	489	238	32
Shreveport "	1215	240	492	127	22
Lake Providence District,	1052	427	1521	153	8
Total this year,	8189	1955	5540	1635	93
Total last year,	8528	1893	6152	1188	125
Increase and Decrease,	339 dec.	62 inc.	612 dec.	447 inc.	32 dec.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Q. 17.—What amounts are necessary to meet the *claims* of the Superannuated Preachers, the Widows and Orphans of Preachers and the Bishops' apportionment?

A.—For the necessitous cases and Bishops $1,020 00.

Q. 18.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

A.—Collected this year, ... $939 10

Applied—

David Kinnear,	$270 00	
Orphans of W. H. Turnley,	93 00	
Widow and Orphan of Thomas H. Foster,	175 00	
Thomas J. Lacey,	100 00	
Bishops' Apportionment,	300 00	$938 00

Collected on last year's notes, ... $278 71

Applied—

Thomas Samford,	$128 71	
Orphans of Samuel Haws,	50 00	
Widow and Orphans of B. C. Stegall,	100 00	278 71
Amount, in notes, in hands of Chairman of Committee,		171 65

WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND BISHOPS' PER CENT.

Resolved, That at this session the Conference will estimate, for the year following, what amount will be needed to provide for the support of Superannuates, Widows, Orphans, and Bishops, and what per centage that amount is of the sum of the entire salaries of the members of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference will, at its next session, collect of each Preacher such a per cent. upon his entire *receipts* for the year.

Resolved, That the stewards of circuits and stations are hereby requested

to add such a per cent. to the salary of each Preacher, and provide for it accordingly.

Resolved, That those works which may be supplied be requested to collect, in the same manner, the same per centage upon the whole amount of their actual receipts, and send up to the next session of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference declare the Widows, Orphans and Bishops' per cent. for 1863 to be THREE PER CENT.

Resolved, That the Preachers who have failed to pay their Widows and Orphans' per cent. be requested to send or bring up the amount to the next Conference.

Resolved, That those members of this Conference who may at any time be appointed to institutions of learning, or special agencies, be required to pay the Widows and Orphans' per cent. upon their actual receipts.

Resolved, That the Preachers, in making their reports of claims and receipts, be required, in case of deficiency, to make a *pro rata* division of the amount received between quarterage and table expenses; but, at the same time, that the stewards of the Conference be instructed not to make any appropriation to make up the deficiency of any effective Preacher, until the claims of the worn-out Preachers, and of the Widows and Orphans, have been met.

Resolved, That whenever, in the judgment of the Preacher of a circuit or station, it is advisable to do so, he shall take a collection for the purpose of taking the full amount of the per cent. for which he is responsible.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Support be authorized to collect the per cent. of those brethren who have not paid their per cent. this Conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. E. GOODWYN, Treasurer,

In account with Louisiana Conference Missionary Society.

1862.	CASH.		DR.	
MONROE DISTRICT—Carroll Circuit,.....			$30 00	
Ion Circuit,.....	$5 00			
HOMER DISTRICT—Homer Circuit,.....	25 00			
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—Natchitoches Mission,.....			104 30	
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—North Rapides Mission,.....			200 00	
From other sources:				
Annual contribution of Members,..$46 00				
Miss Fannie Louisa Trippet,..... 1 00				
Miss Sallie A. T. Trippett,..... 1 00—	48 00			
RECAPITULATION—Monroe District,.....	5 00		30 00	
Homer District,.....	25 00			
Shreveport District,.....			104 30	
Alexandria District,.....			200 00	
From other sources,.....	48 00			
Total,.....	$78 00		$334 30—	$412 30
Contra:				
By amount paid Missionary draft, Dec. 13th,.....	$50 00			
By amount cash in hand, Dec. 13th,.....	28 00—	$78 00	$334 30—	$412 30

Quarterage Claims, Total Allowance, Total Receipts, and Widows and Orphans' Per Cent.

		Quarter Claim, . . .	Total Allowance, .	Total Receipts, . . .	Per Cent. paid, . . .
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	JOHN C. KEENER, P. E. . .	------	------	------	------
Carondelet street,	Joseph B. Walker,	------	------	------	------
Felicity street,	Linus Parker,	------	------	------	------
Moreau street,	James E. Bradley,	------	------	------	------
First German Mission,	John F. Pauly	------	------	------	------
Second " "	John F. Brunow,	------	------	------	------
Third and 4th German Missions,	August Arnold,	------	------	------	------
Jefferson City,	Joseph H. Stone,	$150 00	$475 00	$375 00	$11 00
Algiers and Gretna,	John F. DeWitt,	------	------	------	------
Laurel street and Carrollton,	------	------	------	------	------
Baton Rouge,	Nehemiah A. Cravens,	425 00	1500 00	550 00	16 50
Plaquemine,	A. W. Smith,	------	------	------	------
Gros Tete,	Benjamin F. Alexander,	120 00	120 00	120 00	110 00
New Orleans Christian Advocate,	Clayton C. Gillespie,	------	------	------	------
Nashville Christian Advocate,	Holland N. McTyeire,	------	------	------	------
Centenary College,	Almarin G. Miller,	------	------	------	------
		695 00	2095 00	1045 00	137 50
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.	ROBERT J. HARP, P. E. . .	150 00	1350 00	500 00	15 00
Opelousas,	Jeptha Landrum,	150 00	600 00	600 00	18 00
St. Landry,	Daniel S. Watkins,	470 00	1000 00	552 00	------
New Iberia,	R. R. R. Alexander,	325 00	------	301 00	------
Vermillion,	John S. Davis,	------	------	------	------
Franklin,	Alexander E. Goodwyn,	175 00	800 00	700 00	21 00
Teche Colored Mission	James T. Fontaine,	------	------	------	------
Pattersonville,	Fisher T. Rawson,	------	------	------	------
Grand Lake Mission,	------	------	------	------	------
Thibodaux and Napoleonville,	Stephen J. Davies,	------	------	------	------
Houma and Tigerville,	Matthew D. Thomasson,	------	------	------	------
Washington,	Benjamin F. White,	350 00	900 00	175 00	------
		1620 00	4650 00	2831 00	54 00
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.	JAMES A. IVY, P. E.	------	------	------	15 00
Alexandria,	William E. M. Linfield,	------	------	------	20 00
Cotile,	Joshua A. Scurlock,	------	------	------	------
North Rapides,	Robert T. Parish,	325 00	400 00	450 00	13 50
North Rapides Mission,	Uriah Whatley,	------	------	260 00	6 00
Evergreen,	Henry B. Frazee,	------	------	------	------
Pointe Coupee,	Charles W. Carter,	------	------	------	------
Calcasieu,	Joel Sanders,	------	------	------	------
Grand Cheniere,	Seaborn J. Graves,	------	------	------	------
Chaplain in the Army,	Fred. White,	------	------	------	------
		325 00	400 00	650 00	54 50
MONROE DISTRICT.	SAMUEL ARMSTRONG, P. E.	------	------	------	------
Monroe,	William C. Young,	------	------	------	------
Bastrop,	Marshall H. Wells,	300 00	1250 00	500 00	15 00
Jefferson,	James L. Wright,	430 00	1000 00	------	30 00
Island and Wright's Chapel,	John A. Miller,	------	------	------	------
Lind Grove,	William J. McFarland,	330 00	800 00	800 00	20 00
Plantersville,	John C. Faulk,	------	------	------	------
Ion,	Robert Parvin,	300 00	600 00	577 00	17 35
Carroll,	Thomas J. Upton,	445 50	1350 00	600 00	50 00
Delhi,	Anthony Cannon,	------	------	------	------
		1805 00	5000 00	2477 00	132 35

Quarterage Claims, etc.--Continued.

		Quarter Claim,	Total Allowance,	Total Receipts,	Per Cent. paid,
HOMER DISTRICT.	Samuel S. Scott, P. E....	$520 00	1000 00	600 00	18 00
Homer,	Thomas H. McClendon,..	300 00	750 00	435 00	12 88
Minden,	William D. Shea,.....	300 00	550 00	200 00	40 00
Farmerville,	John H. Boult, ...	300 00	575 00	343 00	10 25
Ouachita,	Richard M. Crowson, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vernon,	Charles W. Hodge, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winnfield,	Dabney P. Cullen,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sparta,	Whitmel P. Kimball,.....	370 00	580 00	350 00	9 00
North Bossier,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Bossier,	John C. Reed, ...	300 00	750 00	750 00	20 00
		2090 00	4205 00	2678 00	109 13
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.	Samuel B. Suratt, P. E..				12 00
Shreveport,	Samuel J. Hawkins, ...	225 00	500 00	420 00	10 00
Caddo,	Philip L. Henderson, ...	350 00	800 00	800 00	24 00
"	Henry O. White, ...	150 00	.....	297 00	8 00
DeSoto,	Thomas B. Baldwin,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mansfield,	James L. Chapman,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill,	John Pipes, ...	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Natchitoches,	William D. Stayton, ...	430 00	800 00	204 00	6 10
Sabine Mission,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Red River,	Baxter Clegg, ...	390 00	600 00	225 00	6 75
Lake Bistenau,	Jesse Fulton, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
		1545 00	2700 00	1946 00	69 85
LAKE PROVIDENCE DIST.	Thomas B. White, P. E..	375 00	1500 00	440 00	13 20
Providence and Bunch's Bend,..	Robert A. New, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pecan Grove and Willow Bayou,	Charles J. Hallberg,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richmond and Bayou Vidal, ...	Reynolds Trippett,.....	380 00	1200 00	.....	.....
" " "	Anderson B. Fly, supern'y,	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterproof,	Joseph D. Adams, ...	265 00	1200 00	.....	12 00
Wesley Chapel,	Philo M. Goodwyn,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jordan Chapel and Newell Ridge,	William F. Alexander,...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel,...	William J. McGaughey,..	470 00	1250 00	600 00	18 00
" " "	Philip H. Dieffenwerth,...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concordia Mission,	Fielding Bell, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sicily Island,	Louis A. Reed, ...	405 00	1114 00	435 00	13 00
Trinity,	Uriah Riley,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	John F. Wynn,.....	150 00	400 00	340 00	10 25
Winnsboro'	John C. Pitts, ...	422 00	600 00	600 00	18 00
Harrisonburg and Centerville,..	John W. Hearne,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		2477 00	7264 00	2415 00	84 45

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

New Orleans District.	No. of Schools,	No. of Officers and Teachers,	No. of Scholars,	No. Vols. in Library,
Carondelet street,	1	28	233	1846
Felicity street,	1	21	290	1000
Moreau street,	1	30	250	3500
First German Mission,	1	15	100	150
Second " "	1	15	100	500
Third " "	..	..	....	....
Fourth " "	1	11	83	50
Jefferson City,	1	13	88	400
Algiers and Gretna,	2	14	130	650
Carrollton and Laurel st.	2	22	126	1150
Baton Rouge,	1	14	150	700
Plaquemine,	1	7	30	350
Grosse Tete,	1	..	25	100
	14	190	1615	10,396
Opelousas District.				
Opelousas,	1	10	75	200
Washington,	2	10	50	200
New Iberia,	1	12	50	40
St. Landry,	1	6	25	....
Vermillion,	..	..	...	....
Franklin,	1	14	70	300
Pattersonville,	1	7	40	300
Grand Lake,	1	4	24	100
Thibodaux & Napoleonville	1	7	30	460
Houma and Tigerville,	1	5	15	150
	10	75	379	1750
Alexandria District.				
Alexandria,	1	5	44	275
Cotile,	1	4	20	52
North Rapides,	5	20	80	250
Evergreen,	2	6	30	65
Calcasieu,	1	4	20	200
Grand Cheniere,	1	4	30	100
	11	43	224	942
Monroe District.				
Monroe,	2	8	32	230
Columbia,	6	35	100	400
Bastrop,	1	7	60	15
Jefferson,	..	..	...	....
Island and Wright's Chapel.	1	8	25	....
Lind Grove,	1	4	30	100
Plantersville,	..	..	...	....
Ion,	4	10	65	300
Carroll,	3	18	80	250
Delhi,	1	5	20	100
	19	95	412	1530

Homer District.	No. of Schools,	No. of Officers and Teachers,	No. of Scholars,	No. Vols. in Library,
Homer,	5	28	175	105
Minden,	4	20	35	75
Farmerville,	2	12	...	200
Ouachita,	1	6	35	300
Vernon,	..	..	...	....
Winnfield,	..	..	...	....
Sparta,	..	..	...	....
North Bossier,	1	1	...	15
South Bossier,	2	15	63	340
	15	82	308	1035
Shreveport District.				
Shreveport,	1	8	50	400
Caddo,	4	15	75	400
DeSoto,	..	..	...	....
Natchitoches,	1	3	12	150
Mansfield,	1	12	100	800
Pleasant Hill,	2	22	100	850
Sabine,	2	8	40	150
Red River,	2	8	35	100
Lake Bistenau,	..	..	...	....
	13	76	412	2850
Lake Providence Dist.				
Providence and Bunches' Bend,	1	10	60	1250
Pecan Grove and Willow Bayou,	..	..	...	....
Richmond and Bayou Vidal,	2	12	125	500
Waterproof,	1	3	50	....
Wesley Chapel,	2	10	20	1200
Jordan's and Newells Ridge,	..	..	...	....
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel,	2	12	50	1400
Sicily Island,	1	5	35	750
Trinity,	1	6	25	100
Winnsboro',	2	7	35	300
Harrisonburg & Centerville	3	12	75	225
Concordia Mission,	..	..	...	....
	15	77	475	5725

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN LAY SESSION.

Resolved, I. That the Louisiana Annual Conference earnestly desires the co-operation of brethren, members of the M. E. Church, South, within the bounds of the Conference, to advance the several benevolent and financial interests which have heretofore been under the sole care of the Conference.

II. That it hereby pressingly invites each of the Quarterly Meeting Conferences within its bounds to select some one gentleman, a member of the Church, to attend at the place where the annual Conference shall meet, to give aid and share in the Committee action of the Conference upon the cause of Missions, the cause of Education, the Sabbath School cause, the Church Publications, and the Support of the Ministry.

III. That the Conference shall now appoint, from its members, the Chairmen of the several Committees on the aforesaid benevolent interests, who will be expected to prepare, during the year, a report of the various interests they represent; *excepting* the Committee on Missions, which shall meet and act with the Board of Managers on the first day of the meeting of the Conference.

IV. That on the afternoon of the first day of the Conference the Conference shall resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and shall, together with the committee men from the Quarterly Conferences, constitute the Committee on all of the aforesaid benevolent causes. It shall elect a Chairman and Secretary to serve during the session of Conference, one of whom shall be a layman. This Committee of the Whole shall appoint sub-committees, of not less than five nor more than nine, composed of preachers and laymen in the following causes, to-wit: Missions, Education, Church Publications, Ministerial Support, Sunday Schools, Tracts and Bible. The Chairmen of said sub-committees shall be appointed by the Conference, and the sub-committees shall meet promptly and attend to the business referred to them, and report to the Committee of the Whole, and to the Conference as soon as practicable.

V. That the preacher having charge of the station or circuit where the Conference meets be requested to make provision for the entertainment of the Committee men of the Quarterly Conferences during the Conference session.

VI. That the rules regulating the Committee of the Whole in Lay Session shall differ from the ordinary rules of a Committee of the Whole in the following:

1. It shall elect its own President and Secretary.

2. It shall appoint sub-committees upon the subject matter of the committee.

3. It may limit discussion.

4. It may put the previous question.

5. And in this also, that the Conference does not resume its session immediately upon the rising of the Committee, but meets at its usual hour, and then the chairmen of committees make reports.

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Missions, - - - - - - - -	LEWIS A. REED.
On Education, - - - - - - - -	BAXTER CLEGG.
On Sunday Schools, - - - - - - -	PHIL. L. HENDERSON.
On Church Publications, - - - - -	BENJ. F. ALEXANDER.
On Bible Cause, - - - - - - -	REYNOLDS TRIPPETT.
On Ministerial Support, - - - - -	JOSEPH D. ADAMS.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1863.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.

Committee—A. E. Goodwyn and B. F. Alexander.

STUDIES: *Class of First Year*—English Grammer; Hymn Book; Composition.

STUDIES: *Class of Second Year*—Hymn Book; Quackenboss' Advanced Course of Composition, and Rhetoric and Composition.

STUDIES: *Class of Third Year*—Hymn Book; Whately's Rhetoric. Essay or Sermon; Reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

STUDIES: *Class of Fourth Year*—Hymn Book; Whately's Logic; Sermon.

BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

Committee—R. J. Harp and R. Trippett.

STUDIES: *Class of First Year*—Bible, historical and biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas and Preacher's Text-Book.

STUDIES: *Class of Second Year*—Bible, as to the institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

STUDIES: *Class of Third Year*—Bible, as to doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

STUDIES: *Class of Fourth Year*—Bible generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

DOCTRINAL AND CONTROVERSIAL THEOLOGY.

Committee—Linus Parker and S. B. Suratt.

STUDIES: *Class of First Year*—Vol. I of Wesley's Sermons; Watson's Institutes, Part III; Theological Compend.

STUDIES: *Class of Second Year*—Vol. II of Wesley's Sermons; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.

STUDIES: *Class of Third Year*—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III; Watson's Institutes, Part II.

STUDIES: *Class of Fourth Year*—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV; Rivers' Elements of Moral Philosophy; Watson's Institutes, Part I.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Committee—J. B. Walker and S. J. Davies.

STUDIES: *Class of First Year*—Discipline; Clarke's Preachers' Manual.

STUDIES: *Class of Second Year*—Discipline, with reference to Henkle's Analysis; Watson's Life of Wesley, and Observations on Southey.

STUDIES: *Class of Third Year*—Discipline.

STUDIES: *Class of Fourth Year*—Discipline; Powell on Succession; Ruter's Church History.

Committee for Examination of Candidates for Admission on Trial—JOHN C. KEENER and LEWIS A. REED.

"All candidates for admission on Trial into the Traveling Connection shall, in addition to their examination before the Quarterly Conference, as required by the present form of Discipline, be examined by a committee of the Annual Conference on the ordinary branches of an English education, of their acquaintance with which they shall give satisfactory evidence previously to admission."—*Action of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in Session of* 1858.

GERMAN UNDER-GRADUATES.

Resolved, That those German preachers who are now or may hereafter be received on trial, shall be required to give satisfaction to the Conference on the course of study in the English language, as recommended by the Bishops.

TIME OF EXAMINATION.

Resolved, That the classes to be examined be required to appear before the Committee of Examination, at the seat of Conference, at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the morning preceding the opening of the Conference; and in case they fail to do so, without satisfactory excuse for non-attendance at the required time and place, they shall be continued in the same class another year.

AUTO-BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

Resolved, That all the candidates for admission into the Conference be required, at the time of their reception, to furnish the Secretary with a written statement, setting forth the date and place of their birth, their parentage, the time of their conversion, and when and where they were licensed to preach; and that the same be filed with the Records of the Conference.

Resolved, That all brethren becoming members of the Conference, either by transfer or re-admission into the Traveling Connection, be requested to furnish a similar statement.

UNDER-GRADUATES.

CLASS OF THE FIRST YEAR—Henry L. Green.

CLASS OF THE SECOND YEAR—Matthew D. Thomasson, Chas. W. Carter, Edmund W. Yancey and John W. Hearne.

CLASS OF THE THIRD YEAR—Baxter Clegg, Henry O. White and John C. Faulk.

CLASS OF THE FOURTH YEAR—August Arnold, Henry B. Frazee, John F. DeWitt, James T. Fontaine, Charles W. Hodge, Dabney P. Cullen, Seaborn J. Graves, Thomas B. Baldwin and John J. F. Brunow.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

FURNISHING SOLDIERS WITH RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

1. *Resolved*, That the Conference will enter heartily into this work, and require of each member active co-operation in procuring funds so soon as he may return to his work; and that he be requested to present this subject to his congregations.

2. That the funds given shall be subject to the direction of the donors, whether they shall be expended in Bibles, Testaments, tracts or religious newspapers.

3. That Rev. Robert J. Harp, Financial Agent for the Relief of Louisiana Soldiers, be the principal person to whom these funds shall be directed, who shall be required to make purchases and distribute the same.

4. That in case of the death, removal or other disability of Mr. Harp, the preacher stationed at Monroe shall have charge of this work until the Presiding Elders of the Alexandria, Monroe, Homer and Shreveport Districts, or any three of them, shall make arrangements for another agent.

5. That the distribution shall be equal among the Louisiana regiments, so far as practicable.

THE CONFERENCE AND THE WAR.

Resolved, That notwithstanding the specific action of the Confederate States Congress, exempting all regular Ministers of the Gospel as Conscripts, yet the Louisiana Conference, whilst it pronounces war a great evil, is in favor of prosecuting the war with vigor, and we pledge ourselves to do all we can in our spheres as Ministers to secure our independence and nationality.

Resolved, That as loyal citizens, we sanction the means being used by "the powers that be" to expel our enemies.

Resolved, That we appoint the first Friday in February as a special day of fasting and devout prayer for the restoration of peace, and that each pastor be requested to assemble his congregation in obedience to this resolution.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the Delegates and Delegates in reserve elected for the General Conference at our last session be, and the same are hereby, re-appointed; and that our Bishops be requested to appoint the time and place of the next General Conference.

Delegates—Robert J. Harp, James A. Ivy, Anderson B. Fly, Stephen J. Davies and Benjamin F. White.

Reserves—Thomas B. White and Joseph D. Adams.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

John C. Reed was elected by ballot to preach the next Conference Sermon.

SEAT OF NEXT CONFERENCE—HOMER, Claiborne Parish, La.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Mansfield Female College—Linus Parker, Samuel Armstrong and Samuel B. Suratt.

Centenary College—Thomas B. White, Stephen J. Davies and James L. Chapman.

Homer College—Samuel J. Hawkins, William J. McFarland and Samuel S. Scott.

Pierce and Paine College—Baxter Clegg, Lewis A. Reed and Jeptha Landrum.

APPOINTMENTS.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—JOHN C. KEENER, P. E.

Carondelet street,.....Joseph B. Walker.
Felicity street,.....Linus Parker.
Moreau street,.....William C. Young.*
First German Mission,.....John A. Pauly.
Second " " .....To be supplied.
Third " " ..... " "
Fourth " " ..... " "
Jefferson City,.....Matthew D. Thomasson.
Algiers and Gretna,.....John F. DeWitt.
Laurel street and Carrollton,.....To be supplied.
Baton Rouge,.....James L. Chapman.
Plaquemine,.....Wade H. Frost.*
Grosse Tete,.....To be supplied.
New Orleans Christian Advocate,.....Clayton C. Gillespie.*
Nashville Christian Advocate,.....Holland N. McTyeire.
Centenary College,.....Almarin G. Miller.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT—ROBERT J. HARP, P. E.

Opelousas,.....James E. Bradley.
St. Landry,.....Daniel S. Watkins.
Lafayette,.....Fisher T. Rawsôn.
Vermillion,.....John S. Davis.
New Iberia,.....Joseph D. Adams.
Franklin,.....Stephen J. Davies.
Teche Colored Mission,.....James T. Fontaine.
Pattersonville,.....John A. Miller.
Grand Lake Mission,.....To be supplied.
Thibodaux and Houma,.....Robert R. R. Alexander.
Napoleonville,.....To be supplied.
Washington,.....Benjamin F. Alexander.
Bayou Bœuff,.....Benjamin F. White.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—ALEXANDER E. GOODWYN, P. E.

Alexandria,.....William E. N. Linfield.
Cotile,.....To be supplied.
Rapides Circuit and Mission,.....{ Robert T. Paush, Uriah Whatley.
Evegreen and Big Cane,.....Fred. White.
Simmsport,.....{ Joshua F. Scurlock, Henry B. Frazee.
Calcasieu,.....Joel Sanders.
Grand Cheniere Mission,.....Seaborn J. Graves.
Columbia,.....Edmund W. Yancy.
Trinity,.....Thomas H McClendon.
Centerville,.....{ John W. Hearne,* Uriah Riley, supernumerary.

BASTROP DISTRICT—JAMES A. IVY, P. E.

Bastrop,.....Charles W. Carter.
Monroe,.....{ Joseph H. Stone, Richard M. Crowson.*
Island and Wright's Chapel,.....Reynolds Trippett.
Plantersville,.....John C. Reed, John C. Faulk.
Jefferson,.....To be supplied.
Jefferson Mission,.....James L. Wright.

HOMER DISTRICT—Samuel S. Scott, P. E.

Homer,	William J. McFarland.
Minden,	Philip L. Henderson.
Farmerville,	Wm. D. Stayton.
Ouachita,	Philo M. Goodwyn.
	Charles W. Hodge.*
Vernon,	Whitmel P. Kimball.
Winnfield,	Dabney P. Cullen.
Sparta,	John H. Boult.
North Bossier,	William H. Moss.
South "	William D. Shea.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—Samel B. Suratt, P. E.

Shreveport,	To be supplied.
Caddo,	Samuel J. Hawkins.
DeSoto,	Jesse Fulton,
	Thomas B. Baldwin, supern.
Mansfield,	Jeptha Landrum.
Pleasant Hill,	Robert Parvin.
Natchitoches Mission,	John Pipes.
Many "	To be supplied.
Red River,	Baxter Clegg.
Lake Bistenau,	To be supplied.

TENSAS DISTRICT—Thomas B. White, P. E.

Providence and Bunches' Bend,	Robert A. New.
Pecan Grove and Richmond,	Anthony Cannon.
Jordan Chapel,	Henry L. Green.
Wesley Chapel,	Arthur W. Smith.
Waterproof,	John F. Wynn.
Concordia Mission,	Fielding Bell.
Tensas,	To be supplied.
	Philip H. Dieffenwerth, super.
Tensas Mission,	William G. McGaughey.
Sicily Island,	Lewis A. Reed.
Winnsboro',	John C. Pitts.
Deer Creek,	Henry O. White.
Ion,	Nehemiah A. Cravens.
Delhi,	Thomas J. Upton.
Carroll,	Charles J. Hallberg.

Marshall H. Wells transferred to Ouachita Conference by order of this Conference.

August Arnold and John J. F. Brunow left without appointments by order of the Conference.

Superannuated—Thomas Samford, David Kinnear, Henry C. Thweatt, Thomas J. Lacy and Samuel Armstrong.

Located—William F. Alexander.

* In Confederate States Army.